

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a special meeting of the **Brown County Public Safety Committee** was held on Monday, April 13, 2009 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, WI

Present: Carole Andrews, Bill Clancy, Tom DeWane, Andy Nicholson-Chair,
Andy Williams

Also Present: Jim Nickel, Jayme Sellen, Lynn VandenLangenberg, Supervisor Jack Krueger, Other Interested Parties

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Andy Nicholson at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Motion made by Supervisor Clancy and seconded by Supervisor DeWane to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **FoxComm Agreement**

Jim Nickel, Public Safety Communications Director, was asked by Chair Nicholson to present Nickel's major concerns with the Agreement. Nickel stated that his concerns are operational in nature and that Brown County must have a smooth transition from the FoxComm system to the new Brown County system in order to serve the needs of all agencies.

He stated that there are two issues that could be disruptive to this smooth transition:

- a) About 1 year ago the decision was made that the transition would occur in late September or early October, 2009. However, FoxComm wants to change this to either July or August, 2009. The risk for this is if FoxComm's equipment is moved before the new building is ready, Brown County loses the time synchronization – the GPS clock that keeps all systems tied to the same time standard. Nickel stated that this is not acceptable, and this Agreement offers no protection in the event that the building is not completed.
- b) The Agreement does not specifically address a procedure for moving the public records on the FoxComm system to the Brown County system. It is important that Brown County has the data for testing, and the incident files must be available by the date service is transferred.

Supervisor Williams asked how long it would take to copy the files. Nickel stated that it would be hours—not a real long time. Motorola will be contacted to perform this service.

Supervisor DeWane asked who wrote the Agreement. Nickel stated that FoxComm wrote this Agreement. Jim Nickel and Lynn VandenLangenberg, Administration Director, both stated that neither had signed this Agreement. Chair Nicholson requested that Jayme Sellen, Legislative Assistant, ask Tom Hinz, Brown County Executive, to review the Agreement and provide his input at the Board of Supervisors Meeting on April 15, 2009.

Chair Nicholson asked Nickel whether Nickel had requested that FoxComm delay the timeframe until September. Nickel stated that he had asked this on more than one occasion and that FoxComm's reply has been that FoxComm wants to complete this move during July or August because of weather and the availability of resources.

FoxComm's memo outlining the time change of the transition was made available Wednesday morning before the Thursday meeting with FoxComm, and Nickel and VandenLangenberg were not aware of this memo prior to that time.

Supervisor Clancy stated that this is "a lot to do about nothing." He said Brown County has paid up through December 31, 2009. Therefore, Brown County is not obligated to make the move prior to that date. Supervisor Clancy further stated that there should be a reimbursement due to Brown County if Brown County is able to move earlier. He expressed concern that FoxComm has been dictating the terms for this move.

Motion made by Supervisor DeWane and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to send this (Agreement) to Attorney Fred Mohr. Brown County should write this (the Agreement) up, determine when this (equipment move) would be done, and stipulate a smooth transition for the record retrieval and a financial cap on the move. Fred Mohr should work with Jim Nickel to determine the needs.

Supervisor Andrews stated that authorization for request for proposal was approved at the last meeting to have equipment moved; however, in the Agreement, there is a statement that delivery will be procured and managed by FoxComm staff. Therefore, Andrews stated that she objects to signing this Agreement and would like to motion to further stipulate in the motion that Brown County uses the RFP process in the motion; because the FoxComm Agreement prohibits Brown County from obtaining the best price for the move. Chair Nicholson suggested that this be discussed later in the process.

Supervisor Andrews stated that if Brown County is able to make the move at an earlier date, Brown County should be reimbursed for those months that Brown County did not have access.

Supervisor Krueger asked if Corporation Counsel should be performing this for Brown County instead of Fred Mohr. Supervisor DeWane stated he suggested

Fred Mohr because he thought Mohr worked with this Board. Chair Nicholson stated that he felt Mohr is more familiar with this contract.

Supervisor Williams asked whether there was a problem with transferring the hardware and software licenses as of July 1, 2009. Nickel stated that he did not know where that date came from. Williams suggested that all licenses be transferred at the same time; and since Brown County is the Fiscal Agent until September 30, 2009, that would be a logical date of transfer. VandenLangenberg stated that licenses should be going to FoxComm anyway and not Brown County, and Brown County would be transferring the licenses regardless of whether or not Brown County would be leaving FoxComm.

Supervisor Williams added an Amendment by Substitution to Supervisor DeWane's motion that Brown County will coordinate with Motorola to retrieve the records and FoxComm will make the system available to Brown County for that purpose. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Supervisor DeWane commented that the reason for suggesting Fred Mohr for this is that Mohr has been with this before, has dealt with Jim before. Mohr can write this up and Supervisor DeWane is sure that Tom Hinz will give this to Corporate Counsel anyway.

4. **Such other Matters as Authorized by Law: None**

Motion made by Supervisor Williams and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Alexander
Recording Secretary